



# MULLIN'S NOTES

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## Kindergarten Bill Passes Assembly Education Committee



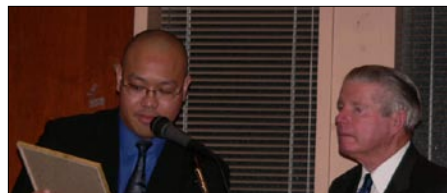
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On April 25, my bill to better prepare children for kindergarten passed the Assembly Committee on Education by a vote of 6-3. Specifically, Assembly Bill 1236 would require a child to be admitted to kindergarten if the child will have his or her 5th birthday on or before September 1st of that school year, instead of the current December 2nd beginning in the 2011-12 school year. Additionally, this legislation would make kindergarten mandatory for all 5 year olds beginning in the 2010-2011 school year as well as establish the Kindergarten Readiness Program which would provide opportunities to increase a child's readiness for school beginning in the 2011-12 school year. I believe that by delaying the age at which some of California's very youngest children are permitted to enroll in kindergarten, in addition to attending a high-quality prekindergarten program, these children will be better prepared for success in kindergarten and beyond. Assembly Bill 1236 will now be heard in the Appropriations Committee.

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## ASSEMBLY SESSION SCHEDULE

The tentative Assembly session schedule for May 2007 is as follows:

**May 3** Floor Session at 9:30 a.m.

**May 4** No Floor Session. No Check-in Session

**May 7** Floor Session at 11:00 a.m.

**May 10** Floor Session at 9:00 a.m. Note: Committee meetings may continue

**May 11** No Floor Session. No Check-in Session. Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills to the floor

**May 14** Floor Session at 11:00 a.m.

**May 17** Floor Session at 9:30 a.m.

**May 18** No Floor Session. No Check-in Session.

**May 21** Floor Session at 11:00 a.m.

**May 24** Floor Session at 9:30 a.m.

**May 25** Floor Session at 9:30 a.m. Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 11

**May 28** HOLIDAY – Memorial Day

**May 29** Floor Session at 12 noon – 6:00 p.m.

**May 30** Floor Session upon call of the Speaker and Check-in Session

**May 31** Floor Session from 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Assemblymember Mullin with Capitol Scheduler Alisia Nantze and Holocaust survivor Zdenka Levy.

Photo by Sarah Phelps

## *Assemblymember Mullin Celebrates Holocaust Remembrance Day*

BY SARAH PHELPS  
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

On Monday April 16, the California State Assembly celebrated Holocaust Remembrance Day by honoring Holocaust survivors from all over the state. Assemblymember Mullin honored four San Mateo residents: Kurt and Marion Mostny and David and Zdenka Levy.

David Levy was born in Belgrade and was 19 when Germany invaded Yugoslavia in 1941. His mother purchased false identification papers for him, which allowed him to cross into Italian-occupied Croatia. He never saw his family again. While in Croatia, he was arrested for having false papers and sent to the Italian province of Parma. While in Parma, Mussolini was overthrown, Mr. Levy was able to obtain a legal Italian i.d. and go into hiding in Rome, where he began to trade gold pieces on the black market. In 1944, he was among the 1,000 displaced refugees whom President Franklin Roosevelt allowed into the United

States, and was placed in a refugee camp outside of Oswego, New York. After the war ended, President Harry Truman allowed all of the refugees to become citizens by crossing the border into Canada at Niagara Falls and crossing back. Once a citizen, Mr. Levy joined the U.S. Army and was able to get a college education under the provisions of the G.I. Bill. Mr. Levy and his wife Zdenka, also an Oswego refugee, have been married for 35 years.

Zdenka Levy was born in Zagreb, Croatia and was 16 when Germany invaded Yugoslavia. After the invasion, the Nazis began to round up Jewish men between the ages of 16 and 22. Once rounded up, the men were shot and buried in mass graves. Mrs. Levy and her parents were taken in the middle of the night, however since her father owned a factory, the family was granted permission to return so that Mrs. Levy's father could run the factory. A few weeks later, her father was taken to Jasenovac concentration camp, located about 60 miles north of Zagreb. A few months later, Mrs. Levy's father was re-

united with the rest of his family, and they were able to purchase false identification papers as well as train tickets to the Italian border. After hiding along the border for three months, Mrs. Levy and her brother Fredi were finally smuggled into Italy. Once in Italy, Mrs. Levy and Fredi were arrested for not going directly to a Jewish Community Center, as ordered. After twelve days in prison, they were released and reunited with their family. Eventually the family was sent to Ferramonti concentration camp in southern Italy, where they remained for 18 months until the U.S. Third Army liberated the camp. In 1944, Mrs. Levy and her family were among the 1,000 refugees allowed into the United States by President Roosevelt.

Kurt Mostny was born in Lindz, Austria, and was drafted into the Austrian army at the age of 17. During the Anschluss in 1938, Mr. Mostny was still serving in the Army. His division had been forgotten about, and was stationed at what eventually became the Ministry of Defense. By 1939, Mr. Mostny had been kicked out of the army and traveled to Belgium

to be with his mother and sister. Not long after arriving in Belgium, a woman who had been a boarder at his mother's house was able to obtain a visa for him to Chile. Once there, he was able to go to school and meet his wife. They moved to the United States in 1963.

Marion Mostny was born in Berlin, Germany. Mrs. Mostny's family received permission to emigrate to Chile, since most other countries at the time had quotas. While they packed their belongings and prepared to leave Germany, a Nazi officer watched them in order to record everything they packed. A few weeks earlier, they had been forced to stand in line for four days and nights to relinquish all of their valuables, including their jewelry. In 1939, Mrs. Mostny's family was able to travel to Italy, where they boarded a ship to Chile, leaving her grandparents behind. After the war, Mrs. Mostny learned that her grandparents had been killed in a concentration camp. Once in Chile, Mrs. Mostny met and married her husband, and they moved to the United States in 1963. They have five children.

# Legendary Coach Honored

BY MARK NAGALES  
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

When you talk about Peninsula baseball, the name Bob Brian is sure to be mentioned. The former South San Francisco High School Baseball coach has influenced generations of student-athletes to excel both on and off the field. For his overwhelming influence, Coach Brian was honored by having his number 17 jersey retired. Many of his former players were on hand to congratulate the coach who had a profound effect on their lives.

Coach Brian managed 1,170 high school baseball games, won 729 of them, and 21 league championships. He



Field Representative Mark Nagales presenting a certificate of honor to Coach Bob Brian.

Photo by Fernando Girardi

also holds several California records including the most years coaching a varsity sport with 47. Furthermore, Coach Brian recognized the importance of youth sports and went on to organize the South San Francisco Pee Wee League for kids 10 and younger.

Coach Brian has also been named to the California Baseball Hall of Fame, the

American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, and the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. Assemblymember Mullin had the distinct pleasure of serving on the faculty with Coach Brian at South San Francisco High School and was honored to award him a certificate of honor for his exemplary coaching career.

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## Programs Available For Recycling Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste

California handles about 500,000 tons of e-waste a year. Recent legislation has made it illegal to casually toss it in the trash. E-Waste includes used batteries, old cell phones, TVs, computers and other electronic items that contain toxic metals like lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium. It is one of the fastest growing segments of California's waste and can leak its toxic contents into landfills, contaminating the soil and groundwater. To protect the public health, the Department of Toxic Substance Control has determined that e-waste items are hazardous waste, therefore, illegal to dispose of improperly.

Many of these items, however, can be re-used, refurbished, or recycled. For example,

retailers who sell rechargeable batteries or cell phones are required to take old ones back for convenient recycling.



Visit [www.zerowaste.ca.gov](http://www.zerowaste.ca.gov) or call (800) 253-2687 for a complete list of items that cannot be disposed of in household trash. Furthermore, every community is required to provide some household hazardous waste (HHW) collection opportunities. San Mateo County has an award winning recycling program that list information on how to dispose HHW and E-Waste. To learn more about these local programs visit [www.recycleworks.org](http://www.recycleworks.org) or call (650) 363-4718. Please contact our office if we can further assist you in providing recycling information.

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